

Subject: Jordan LAKE
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Dear Mr Gannon:

I am a resident of Chatham County and am concerned about the continued degradation of Jordan Lake and the rivers that feed it. Not only are the lake and rivers a wonderful resource for pleasure, but it is such a life giving source of drinking water for so many folks living in the counties bordering them.

Although we have a well at our home, we border Mann's Chapel Rd. where the lake's water is piped to. This summer is a good example of the need to protect our water source as this has been a record breaking summer with very low water levels observed in the lakes. I think it was a wise move to put a moratorium on the rapid building permits authorized in Chatham County until the infrastructure is more well defined. Although Chatham Co. is large and not overpopulated at this time, with the recent rush to build more large homes this will soon change. Stripping the land of trees with road building and black top use surging, we need to be more careful with runoff contamination of the rivers and lake.

I love Jordan Lake and the Haw River and their beauty. In a recent visit to the lake's Fishing Access area on Big Tree Rd. to take my dogs swimming, I waded in to retrieve a toy and wearing water shoes I stepped on a broken bottle. I needed several sutures. Needless to say I don't take my dogs there any longer - or myself for that matter. I do use the Educational State land on Big Tree Rd a few times each week. That area is kept up much better and the trash and bottles/cans aren't a major problem. I also walk along the Haw River and thoroughly enjoy that treasure of a river.

I feel that the resources we have must be protected by all who love and use the lake and the watershed areas. I will continue to do my part. Please move more slowly with the issuance of builing permits and the granting of large developments. The land will always be there so treat it gently and don't rush to use it in a harmful manner.

Thank you.

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